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To visit one's former teacher in his last few years, and pray with him in his infirmity, was a very moving experience. He would always welcome me and, when he was able, ask after other former students. On those occasions I was sharply aware of the significance of what Tom Torrance had always taught, that the Lord Jesus picked up humanity from its lowest point, and at enormous cost restored the image of God and brought our frail human nature safely through death and into the glorious freedom of God's children.

Tom was gracious enough to preach at our wedding. My wife Margaret had come to study theology at Edinburgh University because of the way Tom had spoken at her Art College Christian Union. Our time at New College overlapped, and it fascinated us how often people intellectually more able than us would dismiss Tom's lectures as impossible to understand, whereas we thrived on them. I recall fellow-students who said they were converted through listening to Tom.

He was sometimes criticised because he never suffered theological fools gladly, and his robust rejoinders in class were hard for some who were emotionally fragile, but to any who went to him for help and advice he was invariably kind and gentle and (like several other members of staff in those days) he did much good work behind the scenes.

Handsel Press had the privilege of publishing his *Space, Time and Resurrection* (now to be re-issued by Wipf and Stock), and Tom served for many years with us on the board. He asked me personally if his New College lectures could be published, and it is a great joy that this year (2008, jointly published by Paternoster Press and Inter-Varsity Press) the project comes to fruition with *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* as volume one, edited by his nephew Robert Walker.

